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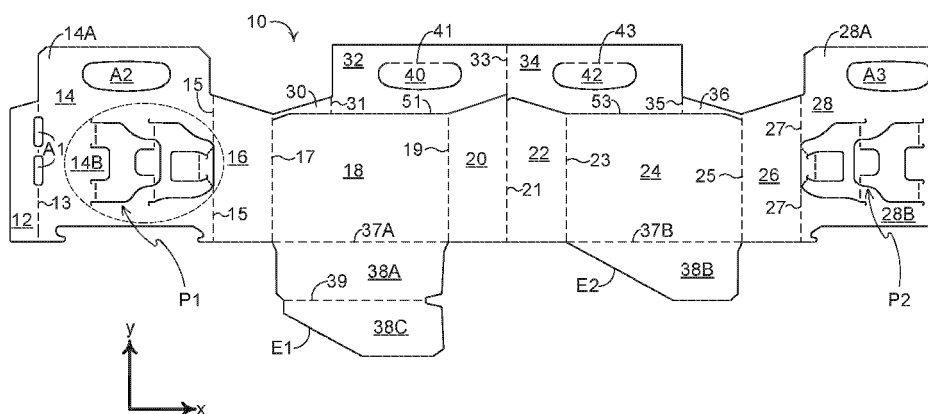
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(54) **ARTICLE CARRIER AND BLANK THEREFOR**

(57) Aspects of the disclosure relate to a collapsible article carrier 90 for packaging a plurality of articles and a blank 10 for forming the same. The carrier 90 comprises a collapsible tubular structure 16/18/20/22/24/26 and a foldable end closure. The end closure comprising a first panel 38A/38C and a second panel 38B; The first panel 38A/38C comprising a proximal portion 38A hinged to the tubular structure along a first fold line 37A and a distal portion 38C hinged to the proximal portion 38A along a second fold line 39. The second panel 38B is hinged to the tubular structure 16/18/20/22/24/26 along third fold

line 37B. The second panel 38B is secured to the distal portion 38C in face-contacting arrangement. The first 37A, second 39, third 37B fold lines are parallel to one another. The distal portion 38C has a first free edge E1 non-parallel to the first fold line 37A. The second panel 38B has a second free edge E2 which is configured identical, or complementary, at least in part to at least part of the first free edge E1. The second free edge E2 is disposed offset from the first free edge E1 such that the first and second free edges extend alongside one another.



**FIG. 1**



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